WELL-SEASONED STATESMEN.

THE MEN WHO MAN! PULATE THE LEVER OF LEGISLATION.

A Story of Speaker Reed-He Can't Play Two Roles at Once-Congressmen who are Between Fifty and Sixty Years Old-Feculiarities of Influential Congressmen. A Republican Tribute to Mr. Carlisle-Roswell P. Flower and Gen, John H. Ketcham-William Marcy Springer and Leonidas Campbell Hook,

WASHINGTON, March 8 .- The best-seasoned members of the House of Representa-tives are between 50 and 60 years old. Most of them are in their prime, physically and intellectually. There are shrewd politicians. skilful debaters, and a few genuine statesmen among them. Fully half of them have had rare experience in Congress. They are well versed in parliamentary lore and in the rules of the House. They are familiar with the machinery of legislation. They can shift its gearing in a twinkling and open and close its valves at unexpected moments. It requires many years of service, with close application and ready presence of mind, to acquire such efficiency. But these men have it, and through the use of the cog wheels of committees and the fly wheels of special orders they have for years controlled the legislation of the House. In this Congress the new rules have increased their power. How they will use it time will show. Nearly one-third of the Representatives are between 50 and 60 years old. Pully a third

of this third are experienced legislative engimeers and firemen.

Speaker Thomas Brackett Reed is the most prominent of those who are in their 51st year. He was born on Oct. 18, 1879. He has been compared to an overgrown schoolboy and to Shakespeare. He objects to some other comparisons of a more recent date. Not long ago he met a Congressman under the arch of

the House wing of the Capitol.
"See here," said the Speaker in a severe tone, "this thing must stop, and stop now. I shall not stand it any longer."

teller. This increases rather than decreases his usefulness as a member of the House. He is Chairman of the Committee on Claims. This committee requires as much work from its members as any committee in the House, and Laidlaw is not out of place at its head.

Mr. McClammy is undoubtedly the thinnest man in the House. He is an economist and a man of intense convictions. His speeches al-

ways attract attention. Mr. Kennedy is the Lieutenant-Governor of Obto who is said to have declared 17 to be a quorum of 36. He is an intense partisan, and waves the bloody shirt at every opportunity He is Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, and has on his committee a political forman worthy of his steel-Kilgore of Texas.

Gen. Osberne was a good soldier, and has been Commander of the Department of Penn-sylvania, G. A. R. He is a good Congressman.

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It is worthy of remark that both the members from Rhode Island are 50 years old. Mr. Spooner looks like a college professor. He is Chairman of the Committee on Accounts, and is serving his ninth year in Congress. His colleague, Mr. Arnold, represents, among others, the rugged fishermen of libek Island, Mr. Perry is a son of Gov. R. F. Perry of South Carolina. This is his third term.

Judge abbott is a valued member, a trite speaker, and a faithful alternant upon the sessions of the House. THE PIPTY-ONE-YEAR-OLDS,

The FIFTY-ONE-YEAR-OLDS.

Those who have passed the fifty-first line of life are: J. H. O'Neill of Indiana, James B. McOreary of Kentucky, Col, William Elliott of South Carolina, Jason Brevoort Brown of Indiana, Commodore Charles A. Boutelle of Maine. William Cogswell of Massachusetts, Gilbert L. Laws of Nebraska. Clinton J. Beeswith of New Jersey, Charles S. Baker of New York, and Joseph A. Scranton of Pennsylvania. The first three are Democrats.

Gov. McCreary is a Democrate leader. He succeeded Ferry Belmont at the last se-sion as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. He has much digally of character, and is very effective in discussion.

Commodore Boutelle is Chairman of the Committee on Navsi Affairs. He distinguished himself during the war, and was made a licutenant for gallant conduct in the engagement with the rebel tronclad Albemarle. He is the owner of the Hangor Wing and Courier. He is versatile and dashing in debate, and a ready talker at any time.

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Gen, Cogswell is serving his second term, and is making his mark as a member from Masmr. Baker is Chairman of the Committee on

Mr. linker is Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, and second on the Committee on Territories. He comes from Rochester, He is serving his third term. His promotion has been rapid and not undeserved.

Mr. Scranton is Chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the State Department. He is a Scranton of Scranton, has been Rosmaster of Scranton and is the owner of the Scranton Republican. He represents Scranton on the Roor and in committee. He was a member of the Forty-seventh and Forty-ninh Congresses and is now a member of the Firty-first. He appears in Congress every alternate term. He may turn up in the Fifty-third, but will hardly enter the fifty-second, for this will be a bad

may turn up in the Fifty-third, but will hardly enter the fifty-second, for this will be a bad year in which to broak his record. He is a man of ability and popular in the flouse.

Mr. Beckwith is the successor of William Walter Phelos, He is full as amiable, if not as able, as his prodecessor.

Col. Elliott usually hus a fight for his seat. He comes from what is known as the black district of South 'arolina. Last year Robert Smalls contested his seat and this year it is contested by Mr. Miller, Buth are negroes. The colonel is a wealthy gontleman and has much inducate in South Carolina.

STATESMEN ON THE FIFTY-RECORD LEVEL.

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Saventeen members are in their fifty-third year. They are Rujus E. Lester of Savannah, James H. Fount of Macon, Alexander B. Montgomery and Whilliam C. P. Breckhridge of Kenticky, Herman Stump of Maryland, James W. Owen of Ohio, John M. Charey of Brooklyn Levi Malsh of Pynnsylvania, Samuel Dibble of Bouth Carolina, William H. F. Lee of Virginia, Charles Barwig of Wisconsin, William H. Gest of Hilmois, Mark S. Brewer and Aaron H. Bliss of Michigan, Frederick G. Medringhaus of St. Louis, Fred Lansing of New York, and Gen. Benjamin Butterworth, now of Cincinnati, but later on of Chicago. The last six are Hepublicans.

The oldest of those in term of service is Mr. Bloud. There is no nonsense about Blount. His beofraph in the History is model of

maker, and his colleague is known as Breckinridge of the silver hair. His elequence and
usefulness are as universally recognized as
were the elequence and usefulness of his revered father, the Rev. Dr. Breckinridge. Kentucky is proud of him, and so are his assoclates in the House and at the dinner table.
Gen. Butterworth was once Commissioner of
Patente, and is now Chairman of the Committee on Patents. He is an expert in handling
legislative machinery. Always in the front in
oratorical lights, he never becomes wearisome
in dobate. This is his lift term in Congress.
It looks as though it would be his last. If it is,
no one will regret it more than his Democratic
colleagues.

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Mr. tiest comes from Rock Island, and is never so unliappy as when Congress begins to tinker with the Rock Island Bridge. The bridge will accure a yearly appropriation as long as he remains in the House.

Mr. Brower is serving his fourth term, and was one of the few Republicans of experience who was not made a Chairman of a committee by Mr. Reed. He frequently presides in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Neidringhaus is the oratorical butterfly from St. Louis. His flight of eloquence in the discussion over the World's Fair but were simply suntime. He riveted the attention of Mills. Holman. Breekinridge, Me Millin, and other great leaders. They left their seats and crowded into the main at is to bear him. Henry Ward Beecher would not have commanded more attention.

Mr. Clancy succeeded Peter Paul Mahoney, and Mr. Lansing, Abraham X. Parker, Lansing has profited by his legislative experience in the New York State Senate. He is entertaining and pranethle in debate.

Gen. Maish was wounded at Antictam and Chancellorsville. This is his fourth term in Congress. He comes from York. It is in what is known as a Pennsylvania Dutch district. In making his cearvass the General frequently uses that dialect. At dinners he occasionally redice exquisite little poems in the language of his forefathers. He is six feet tail, and well proportioned. With ex-Senator Buckalew he is making a stiff fight for minority representation in the electoral colleges.

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Mr. Dioble is the Representative of the
Charleston district. He is a native of that city,
although he lives in Orangeburg. This is his
fourth term. He made a strong fight on behalf of the French spollation claims in the last
Congress, but was defeated, its opponents
threatening to let an appropriation bill go by
the board if its friends did not drop it.

Gen, Runy Lee is a relative of Gen. Robert E.
Lee, and represents the Arlington district.

Mr. Loster is a new member, and worthily
represents the Queen City of the South Atlantic coast.

THE PIPTY-THIRD MILESTONE.

"New here," said the Speaker in a severetone, "this thing must ston, and stop now. I shall not stand it any longer,"
"What is the matter?" the Congressman saked in some alarm.
"Oh, you ought toknow very well what is the matter," was the reply, "Haven't you read the letter written to some of the Western Democracy recently by Grover Cieveland?"
"No," responded the Congressman. "I have better written to some of the Western Democracy recently by Grover Cieveland?"
"No," responded the Congressman. "I have better find milestone Nearly and Joseph and Springer have said that I have assumed the role of Charles I. Clevoland says that I amaetine the part of Oliver Cromwell. Now. I'm askend agreat deal. I can be either Charles I. and the part of Oliver Cromwell if you like, but I'll be hanged if. I'll undertake to assume both roles at the Same time. Set that down."

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congress. He poured them in right and left, until some Congress na remarked that it would take an extra session of Congress to consider them.

Gen. Cutcheon is Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs. This is his fourth term in Congress. He had an entertaining bout with Tim Tarsney in the last Congress and held the quaint Michigan Democrat at bay. Cutcheon cuts a broad swath in legislation, and the grain can be reaped and bound without trouble.

Gen. Bayne is third on the Ways and Means Committee. He was not rewarded with a Chairmanship when the committee favors were distributed. The General first ran for Congress in 1874, but was defeated by a Democrat. His strength was weakened by an Independent Hepublican, who was third in the race. Two years afterward he carried the district by storm. This is his seventh consecutive term. He is a man of weight in the Republican councils and an excellent leader. A better talker and a more charming contleman is rarely found.

Mr. Houk conducted the Cata-Featherstone election contest this week. He comes from East Tennessee. His speeches recall scenes in his native mountains. At times you see vivid flashes of lightning and hear the reverberations of thunder in crar-bound gorges. The rain comes down in sheets. This is succeeded by the music of the flode in secunded cabins frequented by moonshiners, and the rattle of their cowhides mean the floor. The merry jest and the wild hurrah are heard, and there is the occasional sharp report of a ride. No speeches are more pictures up that flouk's. "I would rather hear him talk for a haif an energy is an an analysis of the floor. The merry jest and the wild hurrah are heard, and there is the occasional sharp report of a ride, No speeches are more pictures up that flouk's. "I would rather hear him talk for a haif an energy set and the valled the secunded cabins frequented by monshiners, and the rathe of their cowhides muon in the heart for the floor. The merry jest and the wild hurrah are heard, and there is the occasional sharp repo

entious Congressman.
As for Judge Stowart, everybody looks up to him. He is the tallest man in the House. He was born in Memphis and comes from Houston. No better man can be found in the Texas delegation.

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In the fifty-four-year block are John G. Carlisle of Kentucky, ten. William C. Olates and James E. Cobb of Alabama, Henry H. Carlton of Georgia, Judge C. A. O. McCleilan of Indiana, Joseph R. Reed of Jowa, James Bright Morgan of Mississippi, Richard Parks Bland and William H. Wade of Missouri, Roswell P. Flower of New York, David B. Brunner of Pennsylvania, Littleton Wilde Moore of Toxas, and George D. Wise of Virginia.

Of those Mr. Carlisle is the most eminent, His ability in committee, upon the floor, and at the Speaker's desk is universally acknowledged. While Speaker lie not only gained the respect and esteem of his narty associates, but also of his opponents. A service of silver plate was presented to him by the Republican members as a testimonial of their appreciation of his fairness while in the chair. No bemocrat was allowed to subscribe, It was a magnificent tribute to his worth as a man, and his impartiality as Speaker of the House. They gave him no opportunity to refuse it, but forwarded it to Covincton without his knowledge. He found if there in the vault of a bank awaiting him on his return home. No political lender has ever had more devoted followers than Carlislo. They not only take his actice, but seek it. Mr. Carlisle follows the Fabian policy, He fights only when forced to fight. There is no flurry nor diselbay of strength. He fights within the law, on the law, and by the law, and whenlie strikes, though it may not allways tell in the House, it is mighty act to tell with the people.

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Next to him in prominence is Mr. Bland of Miscouri. He is demonstrative and aggressive, saucy and deliant. At the same time he is a stayesman. His silver till undoubtedly saved the country from a monetary crisis and placed its finances upon a sone foundation, tilaid is an adept in the rules. He detects the least deviation from them, and invariably protests. He enter d the House in the same year with Joseph G. Cannon and James H. Blount. This is his minth consecutive term.

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The struggle against the Direct Taxini in the last Courses brought him from mently before the country. It was done to his efforts that the bill was deleated. Although it passed both Houses of Congress, the Frestient vetoed it. The veto came so late that in the sexting debates attending the close of the session no attempt was made to pass the bill over it.

Mr. Wude is Chairman of the Committee on Labor. He is sorving his third term.

Mr. Flower has been moment before the country or years. He is known from Maine to Texas, and from Puget Sound to Key west. His flash for New York on Lehniff of the Worlds Fair world undoubtedly have been successful had it not been for the fire kindled in his courty for the mass leiching as his waith. Mr. Slower is a member of the Ways and Jeans to main man.

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ed and he will probably one set base to taken mond before the opening of the second ession. He is an old member, and a good one. Mr. Morgan is serving his third term. Although he is credited with over 5.000 majority at the last election, his sent is contested.

Across the fifty-fifth line of life.

Augosa The First Annual Augosa Augosa Six Representatives have recently passed their flity-fifth year. They are Hilary A. Herbert of Alacama. Allen D. Candler of Georgia. Scott Wike of Hilnois, Constantine Buckley Kilgore of Texas, Elibu S. Williams of Ohio, and John A. Anderson of Katsas. The last two Allgore of texas and John A. Anderson of Katsas. The last two are Republicans.

Herbert is trobably the ablest and certainly the object is experience. He is a South Carolinian by birth, and was a Colonel of the Eighth Alabama Volunteers in the Confederate service. He was severely wounded in one of the battles of the Wilderness. The injury was in his arm. To save it the surgeons took out a portion of the bone, which makes one arm shorter than the other. In the last Congress Mr. Herbert was the thairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs. This is his seventh consecutive term, he has a effective speaker, and thoroughly understands what is necessary for the improvement of the United States Navy. He represents the first Confederate capital.

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Next to Mr. Herbert in prominence is the Rev. John A. Anderson of Kansas. He was the most rabid fillbuster in the last Congress. He fairly froths at the mouth when the Pacific Haliroad Funding bill is mentioned. The Union Pacific, it is said, has made repeated efforts to down him in his district, but all have failed. His speech on behalf of the new rules, considering his record, is worth reading. No man ever offered better reasons for advocating what he did not want.

Alien Candier represents the district that once sent Col. John A. Wimpy to Congress. Col. Wimpy was a liepublican. The police of New York found two letters from him in the office of a saw-dust swinder, which they raided some years ago. The discovery of these letters undoubtedly led to the Colonel's defeat.

Scott Wike is a quaint character. He was a member of the Forty-fourth Congress, but was knocked out of the Forty-flith because he was a hard money Democrat. But for his vote in committee the Resumption act would not have passed the Forty-fourth Congress. This is his second term in Congress. At the very first opportunity he introduced joint resolutions levelled at the protective tarif. He has the grip of a building and will make Rome how if he ever gets a chance.

Mr. Williams goes to Mt. Vernon once a year. His patriotism needs no recuperation, for he was a gallant soldier in the late war. But it gets it all the same.

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Buck Kilgore has lost much of his usefulness under the present rules. In the last House he invariably raised the point of 'No quorum' when pension and claim bills were under discussion. He occasionally raises the point of 'No quorum' when pension and claim bills were under discussion. He occasionally raises the point of 'No quorum' in the present House. He probably does it from force of habit. The Speaker usually overrules the point before the words have left linck's lips. With the exception of Judge Lanham. Buck is the finest-looking man in the Texas delegation. He is a magnificent horseman, and frequently amuses himself by riding a broncho at full speed, stooping from the saddle like a Comanche, picking up stones and hurling them at his pursuers. If there is ever a war with Canada Buck ought to have a Brigadler-General's commission.

FIETY-SIX YEARS OLD.

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Nine members of the House are 56 years old. They are John T. Stewart and George T. Barnes of Georgia, Robert R. Hint. Charles A. Hill, and Philip S. Post of Illimois. Edununt M. Morrill of Kansas. William H. Hatch of Missouri. George H. Brickner of Wisconsin, and Gen. Charles H. Grosvonor of Ohlo. Hatch. Brickner. Barnes, and Stewart are Democrats. The most prominent of these members is Mr. Hitt et Illinois. He is Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and had charge of the World's Fair bill before it was sent to a special committee. Mr. Hitt is said to be a millionaire. It cost him exactly \$25.50 to be returned to Congress at the last election, and he willingly paid all assessments levied. There is no more able man upon the Republican side of the Cherokee and Chickasaw indians. The Oklahoma boomers regard him with terror. In the last Congress he downed them at one time, but they brought on re-inforcements from the West and regained the ground lost. The Judge evidently regards the Cherokees as the original F. F. G. s. and does all he can to preserve their rights.

Mr. Hatch is one of the talented men of the Missouri delegation. He is a fluent speaker and a witty one. In rough and-tumble debate he is at homb. No man can get a hip-lock on him. In the last Congress he downed them in the investigation concerning the Ohio forgeries. He sait at the side of tox. Foraker during the investigation and cheerfully added him in probling his wound. He displayed great medical skill. The General is a cheery fellow and a fine orator. He likes a fight upon the floor, and he gets a good many.

Mr. Morrill is Chairman of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors and every part in the investigation. He displayed great medical skill. The General is a cheery fellow and a fine orator. He likes a fight upon the floor, and he gets a good many.

Mr. Morrill is Chairman of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, It is as laborious a committee as any in the House. Morrill is also a good speaker and a man of much influence.

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Gen. Post is maintaining the reputation in the House acquired in the army. He comes from Illinois, but is a native of New York.

SEASONED STATESMEN OF FIFTY-SEVEN.

Nine Congressmen have just passed the 57th meritinn of life. They are Samuel W. Peel of Arkansas. Robert H. M. Davidson of Florida. George Ebbert Seney of Ohio. It. F. Finley of Kentucky, Johanhan H. Ikowell of Illinois. Gen. John H. Ketcham and Major John M. Farquhar of New York, William C. Cooper of Ohio. and Ormsby B. Thomas of Wisconsin.

The lirst four are Democrats. Mr. Rowell is Chairman of the Committee on Elections. As there are seventeen contested election cases in the present House, he has his hands full. However, the was none of the most cere brated bersons in royal society on the Continent With fame, however, came to him numerous perils. All the sovereigns of Europe were covering him, and many of them tried in every part of the head.

This is all the more remarkable because he never sips water or uses a lemon while steaking. He says he gots along better by not doing so. After making a three hours' speech in the open aft to 5000 persons two or three years ago he fainted, but it was due to bodily and not to vocal exhaustion. Howell is making his mark. He is a good fighter and has plenty of battles on hand.

Major Farquhar is the Chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Ho is the champion of the Shioping Bounty bill, and the friend of the phicis who are lighting what is known as the Dingley bill. He was once President of the National Typegraphical Union. An industrious man in committee, he is an excellent off-hand talker and a valuable Representative.

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Air Feel is serving his fourth term. He was Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs in the hast Congress, He is a clear-headed man and a good sceaker.

Mr. Favidson seems to have one aim in the House, and that is to seems the passage of the Fiorlin war claims. This is his seconth consecutive term, ite was a fine warrier in the late unpleasanteess, and talks here as well as he jought there.

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Gen. Netcham entered Congross in 1865, and is serving his eleventh term. His popularity in his district is so great that the Democrats rarely nominate a candidate against him. The General is quite deaf, but sometimes hears pretty well. There is a store extantiflustrating his bad hearing. It is said that he once applied at the Bureau of Engraving and Frinting for the appointment of a constituent. He is a good man, 'the theorem urged,' and will be of much service to you. I want him appointed. You if do it—I know you will.

"I am serry, indeed,' the Superintendent replied, but every place is filled, and I don't see how in the world I can make a place for him. I can't do it; it; out of the supestion."

"Thank you, thank you,' 'the General replied, shallow hands poyinily: 'I am much obliged, I know you would oblige me had appoint him. He is a fine fellow. Fil send him around in the morning."

The cellow turned up in the morning and the Superintendent had a place for him.

Another story is told illustrating the General's acuteness of hearing. A political heeler once met him and said, "General, I want ten dollars. It's necessary to have the money so's to get the boys up to the Convention.

"Oh, the boys," replied the General, as though he had only an Inkling of what was said. "I met some of them the other day, and they seemed to understand it. I think it will be all right."

"You'll find out it'll be all wrong," the heeler responded. "I shall have to have money for their fares. They can't get there without it."

"Oh, that atters the case," the General said. "How much do you want?"

"Twenty dollars," the heeler replied.

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THE STERLING BOYS OF FIFTY-EIGHT. Those who are 58 years old are ex-Gov. leison Dingley of Maine, William Mutchler f Pennsylvania, and S. M. Stephenson of Michigan. Gov. Dingley is the proprietor of the Lewis-

ton Januar. He is the only member from Maine who is not chairman of a committee. He is a member of the committee on Appropriately and of the committee on Merchant Marine and I sheeter. He is not the committee series and the committee of the com

needs of our merchant marine as well as any man in the country.

Mr. Mutchler was a member of the Forty-fourth Forty-seventh and Porty-signth Con-gresses. Mr. Stephenson is a new member and a moral one. GOING OVER THE PENCE INTO THE MIXTIES.

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Those who have passed their fifty-ninth year and have entered the sixtieth are Barnes Compton of Maryland. J. Logan Chipman of Michigan, Joseph D. Taylor of Ohlo. James N. Cothran of South Carolina, and David D. Culberson of Texas.

Of these the most prominent is Judge Culberson. He was Chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the last House. He is serving his eighth consecutive term and is usually elected without conosition. The Judge is a heavy weight, physically and intellectually. No better lawrer was ever elected to Congress.

Judge Chipman is not only a lawrer, but an editor of surerior ability. He was once associated with the last Mr. Storey of the Chicago Toacs. He takes an active part in debate, and is an exceedingly interesting speaker.

Mr. Taylor is the brother of Exra D. Taylor, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He is Chairman of the Committee on the Alcoholic Liquor Traffic. He makes a first-rate Chairman. It is safe to say that he cannot tell the taste of beer from that of whiskey.

Mr. Compton represents the Bladensburg district. This is his third term. He is an olegant and accomplished gentleman, but his seat is contested. The action of the Committee on Elections may be characterized by what the rain said unto the dust. I'm on to you, You're name is mud." The name of the comported in his favor.

Judge Cothran is a well-known lawyer from South Carolina. He finds Congressional life uncongenial, and would have resigned a month or two ago to accopt something far more lucrative, but was induced to remain at the urgent solicitation of his colleagues.

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L'ENVOL So much for the well-seasoned statesmen of the House. They are the men who control the engine of legislation, and they certainly ought to be held responsible for the welfare of the country, without regard to party allilistions.

A TOM THUMB OF THE LAST CENTURY The Dwarf Bebe, Who Belonged to King

The story of Bebe is a quaint bit of last century's history, which has just been rescued from oblivion by a Continental Dryasdust. Hobe is supposed to have been the littlest man who ever lived. He was borne by a peasant woman in Lorraine just 150 years ago, and was called Bébé because the first few years of his life he could articulate only "b-b." The day of his birth Bébé was smaller than his mother's hand. Ten days afterward he was taken to the village church to be baptized in his mother's wooden shoe, because he was too tiny to be carried safely in her arms. During the next six months the same wooden shoe served as Bebe's crib.

Bébé's early childhood was uneventful. He did not grow and he did not talk. He was famous throughout Lorraine, however, as the cunningest and tiniest bit of humanity ever seen. He was perfectly proportioned, had wonderfully large and beautiful brown eyes, and was remarkably active upon his diminutive legs. When Behs was about 7 years old King Stanislaus Lesczynski of Poland, who was then living in Lorraine, heard what a wonderful father to bring him to court. Bobé, Sr., car-

inthe fellow he was, and ordered the child's father to bring him to court. Bébé, Sr., carried his son to the royal palace in a small basket. As the father came into the king's presence the king saked him very gruffly why he had not brought his son with him.

Bébé, Sr., answered this question by opening the basket on his arm and dragging forth the child. Stanislaus said at once that Bebé must become his court dwarf. Bebés father was induced to accede to this proposal with a good hit of royal Polish gold, and Bebé was made a regular follower of the king's court.

At the time of his hitroduction to court life Bébé was met twenty inches tall and weighed eight pounds. He never grew larger. At theit the King tried to teach him jokes and fairy stories and bits of questionable poetry. Bébés intelligence, however, was not equal to the demands thus made upon it. His memory was so weak that he forgot one hour what he had learned the hour before. Reading and writing were tor him quite impossible. With all these failings however, he was by no means a lailure as a court dwarf. He had a sweet little voice, a good ear for music, and nimble legs. He could dance anh kick and sing with the best of the King's courtiers. He was very useful as a table ornament at all the king's great a good ear for music, and nimote legs, the could dance anti-kick and sing with the best of the King's courtiers. He was very useful as a table ornament at all the king's great binquets. His most famous appearance in this rather curious role took place at a dinner which Stanislaus gave to the Ambassador of a great power in 1755. In the middle of the table was an immense sugar castle. Shortly before the guests rose to leave, the door of the castle opened, and a knight in full armor stepped out with a drawn aword in his right hand. All the guests thought the knight must be some wonderful automaton which the King had obtained from the skilled mechanies across the Khine.

were covering him. In 17.58 the impress Catharine of Russia sent an emissary after him to the court of the Poilsh Ring. Late one evening, when the royal palace was almost deserted. Catharine's emissary snapped Bebe up and stuffed him into the pecket of his great coat. Bebe screamed so justify that he revealed the plot to the guard at the door. The emissary was arrested, and Bebe was rescued. Not long afterward Bebe was rescued. Not long afterward Bee again narrowly escaped abduction. A lindy of the French court had been holding him in her lap between the courses of a court dinner. Suddenly she rose to leave the room. Her first step was accompanied by a shrill cry from the folis of her gown: "Your Majesty, your Majesty, this lady has stuck me in her pocket, and is running away with me." The voice was lobe's. He was immediately dragged from the court ady's pocket and placed under the guard of two pages, who were instructed by King Stanfsians to watch him day and night.

The nerils through which he had passed, and the strict surveillance to which he was now subjected, depressed Bibe's aprirts and demoralized his nervous system. He became melancholy, morose, round shouldered, and hargard. The king thought he needed a companion to cheer him up, and therefore marriage he lost his mid. He cased to talk entirely, ate little, and passed most of his time in his crib. His honeymoon was hardly up when he died. Shortly before his next formarish he and more rills menting the had not seen for filteen pears and all the sones which had not seen for filteen pears and all the sones which had been was and slightly greater stature. That was the last drop in Bebe cur. Two weeks after his marriage he lost his mid. He coased to talk entirely, ate little, and passed most of his time in his crib. His honeymoon was hardly up when he died. Shortly before his next his marriage had vanished, suddenly returned. He recollected at the prediction is suddenly returned. He recollected at 1 the prediction is had not seen for filteen pears and all had not seen for fitteen years, and all the songs which had been taugh him since his advent to court. Bebs was just 21 years old when he died. His wife Therese survived him forty-

How Clever Prench Swindlers Bid Up a Patient of Pasteur. From the London Telegraph.

An honest provincial, suffering like most of his tribe from temorance of metropolitan "ways that are dark," as well as from day bite, has been larely victimized by what may be called the "Pasteur trick" According to M. Dangin's own account, he had just arrived from Moulins with his biten armin's sling, and had asked the way to the l'asteur In-titute from a policeman. The guardian of the public peace told him to take a certain tram, and hardly had M. Dangin's said him self on the top of the vehicle when he was according a gibb young man, who by a strange collected on the top of the vehicle when he was according a gibb young man, who by a strange collected on the top of the vehicle when he was according a gibb young man, who by a strange collected on the was going to be injected with a proofly latte against by producted at the philanthropic M. Pasteur's establishment. The newcomer directed the provincial to a small hotel, and as it was too late to go to the l'asteur Institute he promised to call for M. I amon on the morrow. This he did accompanied by a companion who had likewise been bitten by a mad dog, who desseated voindly and vigorously on the dangers which the three of them were incurring. We may all be stark, staring, raving mad in a few weeks," he said. "If M. Pasteur's insection does not work." In the mean time the newcomer added that he had a thousand france in bank noise which he did not care to carry with him, there being so many bad characters about. Upon this Persud, the man who had first accosted M. Dangin, pulled out a purse full of apparent bank notes and offered to take charge of the money of the timid person. Lears now smole the mind of M. Dangin, who asked the oblights Persud to look after his money a remeast with which that individual complied roadily. All three then proceeded to the Pasteur Institute. M. Dangin, of course entered first, the other two affecting a slight delay in their movements, and it-rand stating finally that he would wait for a while in a cafe. The two rescans then de-

(HOW TO FIGHT A LOAFER.

Regarding the Undertaking-What the Lonfer Himself Would Do in the Matter. "How would you fight a corner loafer?" is the interesting though somewhat startling question a reader asks of THE SUS. The cor-respondent writes that he knows nothing of boxing, but would like, in a case of emer-gency, to defend himself from the attack of

of that most desirable quality-"sand." Though simple, it is rather a perplexing query. An essay on the manly art might be given, but although interesting it would not materially benefit the embryo puglist in the scurry of a street meles. If the gentleman is really hankering to thrash some ruffian by whom he has been insuited the best course would probably be to go some competent instructor and take lessons. A few practical scances with a teacher will afford a clearer in-

sight into the art of hitting, stopping, and getting away than months of self-tuition. In a collision with the average New York rough too much reliance must not be placed upon science. Of course, it is of great advan-tage to a man, but the ordinary street pugilist has a fine disregard for the niceties of the art. He fights at close quarters, and even if the gentleman does outclass him scientifically the ough places himself on even terms while he is infighting. Then it is "punch for punch," and the one that can stand the greatest amount of punching is the victor-generally the tough.

A street brawl, such as our correspondent obviously has in view, degenerates into a rough and tumble, clinching affair, and no set of rules can be given to govern such a contest. If the young man possesses the "sand" he thinks he does, no need to tell him how to conduct the fight. He will sail into the loafer and oblivious to punishment will trounce him until he yells for mercy.

But common-sense advice to the young man would be not to hanker for a fight with a corner loafer, especially if he is a bigger man. If an intoxicated or beiligerent rufflan attempts to pick a quarrel walk away from bim, with dignity, if possible; if not, accelerate your movements. If a corner lounger is in the habit of making personal remarks they can be easily avoided-make a detour and don't pass that particular corner. This would be the most prudent course to pursue, for by the sacrifice of a little pride the disgrace of a street brawl is ing and the possibility of a disfigured face are not incurred. Then there is the danger of an arrest and a fine to follow. The average policeman has as much discrimination as a wood-en eight indian, and it is probable that a kin-dred feeling would cause him to side with the loafer against the gentleman; should this turn-out so no arrest would be made, but the gen-tleman would be initiated into a popular pas-

out so no arrest would be made, but the gentleman would be initiated into a popular pastime in vocue in police circles, vernacularly called "fanning." It is a game of short duration, but always leaves a lingering impression. It could not be called cowardice to thus evade a light, merely prudence. Should, however, the young man's high spirit make it impossible for him to accept the advice, or the quarrel be forced upon him, or circumstances arise making it imperative for him to shed his coat, the following interviews with men that know what's what might prove of benefit:

"How would fight a corner loader if I had no science?" reseated veteran Harry Buermyer. "Well, that depends. My first move would be to size him up: If he was bigger and stronger than me, I would pocket the insult and walk away; run, if necessary. But if he was about my size and weight. I'd pitch into him. If, as the young man says, he has no science and knows nothing at all about fight him close; he does not want to light at long range and on the defensive; it takes a clever man to do that. Let him stand right up, keep his eyes open, and pound away at him. If he has the right stuff in him and the other fellow doesn't know too much, he stands a good change a light him he had to had a supply a shade a good change a flicting him her let stuffs a good change a light him close is the stands a good change a light him close the supplies the stands a good change a light him her better fellow doesn't know too much, he stands a good change a light in him and the other fellow doesn't be supplied to the stands a good change a light in him close the supplies a good change a light in him close the supplies a good change a light in him close the supplies a good change a light in him close the supplies a good change a light in him close the supplies and supplies a light him close the supplies and supplies a long transfer and light him close the supplies and supplies a long transfer and supplies and supplies a long transfer and supplies a long transfer and supp man to do that. Let him stand right up, keep his eyes open, and pound away at him. If he has the right stuff in him and the other fellow doesn't know too much, he stands a good chance of licking him. But I don't believe the young fellow asking the question is game. If he had "sand" he wouldn't write asking how to fight. He'd have natural fighting abilities. How does he know whether he has sand or not?

"Just tell him to keep away from the roughs. Or, if he wants to light let him go and learn how. The chances are that the first blow on the nose the 'sand' he says he's got would run out of his boots. Jerusalem: what an awful thing a good hard punch on the nose is. Here Mr. Buermyer tell in a reflective mood and tenderly stroked his own nassl organ. "Oh, it's terrible, he resumed, waking up. "Did you ever get a good smash with a naked flat?" he asked florely and unexpectedly, as he doubled up his monstrous paw. The reporter moved nervously toward the door and replied that he never had. "Well, then, don't you ever get one." This was excellent addice and reassuring; and the contemplated flight was abandoned, as no further move was made toward a practical fillustration of the subject in hand.

"A strong, straight blow on the nose," continued the exchampion, "Is a horrible experience to a novice. The first confused thought is that the front of your face is knocked in, and a man's natural instinct will cause a strong inclination to put up his hand to feel if his countenance is still in its normal position. But don't let your young man do this if he should flight. The feeling must be resisted, for he il need all the hands he's got before he gets through with his job, and besides, any such sign of freezperience or weakness will show the loaser he's get a snap and give him greater confidence, of which he has pienty airoady. If the young man's 's and' is all right he'll shake of this dazed feeling and fight harder than ever, for he so to both insuit and injury to get square on now.

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"How much does he weigh?"
"Oh no. he's no fighter; he simply wants to know how to fight; never had on a glote."
Contemptuous silence, renewed nuffing, and the reporter stargers as the wind suddenly years around and he receives a full broadside from the Flor de Drainage.
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"I see your cigar's getting low; have a smoke with has; I ght, please." and, taking the offending cigar, he baroly lights his own, hen throw the ream of any off into the sates.

The error makes a move toward the smoking vegetable, and then turns threateningly on the reporter.

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Won't you have a light?" asks the latter.
With a riessant smile, but an inward quake.
He sullenly lights the clear in his hand, then

Some Good Advice and Expert Testimony

roughs, and adds that he feels he has plenty

TOO FREE WITH THEIR TALK.

A Party of Travelling Malesmen Offend the Neighbors of the Lute Craig Telliver.

From the Louisville Courter-Journal.

Neighbors of the Late Craig Telliver.

From the Louisville Courier Journal.

A travelling salesman of this city returned from Morehead yesterday, and relates an experience which six Cincinnati drummers met with at the hands of the mountain boys. It was not very amusing to the drummers, as they stood in great dauger of being shot. The salesman refused to divuigs the names of the drummers, because he thought they had suffered enough without publicity.

The substance of the story is that these six drummers stopped at the Central Hotel at Morehead one night last week. This happened to be the same hotel near which Craig Tolliver was shot to death, and numerous bullet holes yet remain in the walls of the public room, mute evidence of the deadly encounter. Of course this attracted the attention of the drummers and furnished a thrilling topic of conversation during the evening. Every one had his particular opinion of the matter, and none were slow in expressing it. Some thought that Craig Tolliver had been murdered, while others maintained that he had met a deserved retribution. But all came to a mutual agreement on the assertion that these mountain feuds were a disgrace to the State and ought to be suppressed by military force.

So interested had the drummers become in their arguments that they had failed to notice a silently increasing audience, until the room was filled with the rough mountaineers. A turkey shooting had been in progress during the day, and the men were pretty well filled up on "mountain dew." They had all brought their guns along with which to participate in their guns along with which to participate in their suns along with which to participate in the shooting and yet carried them as they stood listening to the freshyoung men from Cincinnati, Dark soowis oversproad their faces, and one acquainted with their characteristics could see danger ahead for the drummers.

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WESTERLY, R. I. March 8.-As people were

whisked along the Potter Hill road out of this village in their fancy cutters this work a very F. Stillman a penen free lader with place and white bluesome. Whose fractions of the still be some and white bluesome. Whose fractions per unsed the roat. The snow was uselve increased, and the temperature was 15° Mistakenly the tree had bloomed in the sunny weather of a week ago, and was bound to keep up appearances.

breaks out: "I'm no dude and can't afferd to trow away half-amoked clears."

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"Oth of countries and in the case of him. Dat's and grab the copy and grab the color of the choice of the fighting. I have the fight at the fight in the part of the crossing. He paid no attention to the report. I should be a great the cortain and the men were at the board they were equally guilty in the overt act, for, though back over his shoulder and saw the terror bending over the middle of the crossing. He had re-owned the would find the part of the crossing. He had re-owned the season of

der at this, for he has little to show for his ten years' connection with it, and he has been the most successful puglilist that ever lived. During the conversation Jackson's merits were dis-cussed, and Sully said: "I saw Jackson spar in Boston, and I am satisfied that I can walp him. I won't meet him though unless I get

classed, and Sun's sales, as a way on payr
in Boston, and I am satisfied that I can whip
him. I won't meet him though unless I get
my price, \$25,000. The California club has offered \$15,000, but it is not enough, it they
want to see a fight between us they will have
to come to my terms. I wouldn't meet Jackson under ordinary conditions at all, and sven
for the amount of money I name I will only do
so to prove to my friends that I am still the
champion of all champions."

A month or so ago I found fault in this
column with Frank Slavin for having at the
behest of Bessle Bellwood, the concert singer,
thrown Ablingdon Baird out of her dinling
room down a light of stairs. I want to take it
all back. Why, a nice specimen of an English
sporting gentleman, this man Haird is to be
sure, and how proud his countrymen must be
of him to be sure! He institus-shurgors to his
foliated by the stairs of the sure of the coups as Charley Mitchell and thestoried
Goode did the other night, he urges the
biggest of the pair to brain the other with a
poker. By the way, Mitchell comes in for no
small share of condemnation, even from his
friends in this country, for using a weapon on an
opponent. A well-known at high the sale
middle in the country for using a weapon he
will find no friend or acquaintance in America
to justify his assault on Goode with a poker.
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and Frank Slavin. He had already posted a
ment for £1,000 a side, and had the match been
made it would have created intense excitement not only in Great Britain but also brea,
in Canada, and in Australia. Puring my tale
with Sullivan he said: "Do you know who was
the cunningest fighter I ever met?"

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"You bet?" was the big fellow's respense,
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"Charley Mitchell?" I. Aked.
"You bet!" was the big fellow's response,
"and if anybody doubts that he's foxy just let
him tackie Charley in a ring."
Mitchell has grown very big of late, and
though Slavin has the advantage of him in
height and reach, Charley's experience and
cumning might nevertheless enable him to outnoint and outfight him. danger in the eyes of every one of them. They awake to their perilous position and realized that the best thing for them to do was to get away as quickly as possible.

Not another word was stoken, but the big mountaineer stood with his finger pointed to ward the door. The rain was failing in torrents outside, and the night was as dark as the present imminent danger the drummers never thought of the discomforts they were likely to encounter outside, and silently filed out of the room. After floundering around in the mud and darkness for quite a while they found a transport of the discomforts they were likely to encounter outside, and silently filed out of the form. After floundering around in the mud and darkness for quite a while they found a transport of the discomforts they were likely to encounter outside, and the hour and the mountain side, some distance from the hotel.

Here they took refuge until daylight, but the heating rain. The roof was nearly all zone, and the large cracks between the logs made to the hotel. They did not wait to got any thing to eat nor to clean the mud from their clothing, but securing their baggage, they waited for daylight. At last it came, and as soon as it was sufficiently light they returned to the hotel. They did not wait to got any thing to eat nor to clean the mud from their clothing, but securing their baggage, they rienee. That they shook the Morehead mud from off their feet forever goes without saying.

WHAT IS SADLY LACKING IN BASE BALL

Well-regulated Headquarters for the Playering are the best bail players, managers, or any of the prominent men connected with the game congregate? I send alover the sport like to take and the same great many for the game likelf. As it is now a person has to rain all ever town, and then he heakes agreed in mall his victorious fights, in which is allower town, and then heakes agreed in mall the work town, and then heakes agreed in mall his victorious fights, in which is alover the sport like to the hour and dark fights. In which is a propo height and reach. Charloy a experience and couning hight nevertheless enable him to outpoint and outlight him.

Jack Fallon, the Brooklyn Strong Roy, who was so soundly hissed for "roughing Jack Ashton and Feter Jackson, who starred with him at his benefit at the Palace Ring in Williamsburgh last week, thinks that injustice was done him by the press reports of the affair. He declares that he was asked by both Ashton and Farson Davies to throw Jack in order to make the bout interesting," and he somewhat sneeringly asks: "What kind of a champion must Jackson be when the police have to interest for the prevent him being roughly handled by an opponent who is much smaller than he both

was arrayed only in breech close trunks, short a stockings, and shoes. The blue tights had failed him in his flath with the Marine, and so he discarded them and fought bare-legich. Ferhaps the tights, through frequent washings and shuntings, have grown too shing a fit. Though bembeey wen this fight without a mark, there are a good many carpers who shake their heads and aver that they have secret information from California that the Non-parell had very little up his sleeve when the right was over. I think this is a mistake. No doubt McCarthy gave him a hard fight. It was expected that he would. But when the battle was over bemnesy led from the ring and put to hed to receive medical attention, while beings and in the heads of his sight shows that Jack is in a good-lance as he ever was, and if he is benten in the next year or two by any man of his weight, the fact will be due to large gloves or an accudent.

The match between George Dixon, the corod wonder, and Frank McHugh hangs fire, though I think it will eventually be maic. The backers of McHugh intended giving him a tenround trial with Tommy Kelly, the Harlem Spider, has week, but one of Tommy's fins is out of order, and so the proposed trial did not take place. So little is known here of the fighting abilities of the men McHugh has proved himsachints ogois in lad as Dixon has proved himsachine here, head, Dixon is starring around hereabouts, and he added considerably to his reputation last week by cleverly beating voung Casey in a five-round contest. Casey made it very hot for Cal McCarthy once moon a time, and the fact that the colored boy did him right off the reel has caused more than one was sinke of the head. Dixon evidently beds very sweet on himself, for at one of his exhibition being weight in a four-round contest. Call McGarthy presented to the spectators. Bob Smith air no

and master may meet in the squared circle at long.

If Pat Killen goes up against Ed Smith of Denver, people will have a chance to tell whether or not his heart is in the right pare.

A go between Johnny Reagan and Pete Mos Coy seems assured. It will cortainly be well worth seeing.

MIDDLETOWN, March 8.—The barn of Messrs, Cleasby & Ray at 17 Martin street in the city has long been a july place for rate. and lately it became a serious question with those gentlemen whether they or the rate owned the building. Certainly the rate ran things to suit themselves at night. To determine the question Cleasby & Ray invented and constructed a big trap and set it the older night-ularge barrel, partly filled with wat f, and a light sprinkling of bran on the sate to make an illusion. The trick succeeds a mirably. After nightfall the rate fleekel for or any and crevice of the old barn to he release to the old barn to he release to the control over went down k-spins and the light of the light of the control over went down k-spins against the law to minute, and thou his case is a set of the light of the control over went down k-spins against the law to minute, and thou his case is a set of the control over went down k-spins against the law to minute, and thou his case is a set of the control of the cont